



# GUIDE TO BARRINGTON'S POLYSTYRENE BAN

(Ordinance No. 2019-20)



PROVIDED BY THE TOWN OF BARRINGTON  
TOWN COUNCIL AND OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER



Barrington Town Council has adopted Ordinance No. 2019-20 requiring the use of non-polystyrene food service and packaging products that are reusable, recyclable or compostable.

The Town of Barrington is committed to improving the environment, health, safety, and welfare of its residents. Polystyrene is not easily recycled and when littered or discarded, creates undesirable impacts on water quality, stormwater, and wildlife. There are alternatives that are reusable, recyclable or compostable which are already on the market and readily available.

### WHAT IS POLYSTYRENE?

Polystyrene is a petroleum-based plastic material that does not biodegrade and is a single-use plastic that is not recycled.

### WHO MUST COMPLY WITH THE BAN?

- Food and retail establishments including caterers, food trucks and farmers markets
- Barrington facilities, operations, and Town-sponsored and permitted events
- Schools and daycare providers (public and private)
- Sellers or distributors of packing materials (offering for sale or compensation, donating used packing materials under subsection (c)(3), re-using/repackaging, and receiving shipments within the town)
- Clubs, organizations and non-profits serving food on premises or at special events

### WHAT POLYSTYRENE IS PROHIBITED?



### TYPES OF BANNED POLYSTYRENE

All polystyrene food and beverage containers, cups, bowls, cartons, plates, trays, coolers, ice chests, lids, straws, stirrers, forks, knives, spoons and other single use items. These items are usually labeled with a recycling code Expanded Polystyrene (EP).

### WHAT ARE THE EXEMPTIONS?

- Sale of goods packaged outside of Town/not repackaged within Town

- To comply with the American Disabilities Act, food establishments who use straws are required to make them available to aid in drinking
- Exemption requests approved by the Town Manager

### WHAT ARE SUSTAINABLE ALTERNATIVES?

A list of wholesale companies that sell alternative to polystyrene can be found on the back of this brochure.

### WHAT ARE YOUR NEXT STEPS?

Verify if you currently use prohibited polystyrene. If you do, contact your sales representative or wholesaler to ensure that you transition to non-polystyrene by **January 1, 2020.**



**PLEASE NOTE:** In Ordinance No. 2019-5, retailers were prohibited from selling ONLY Foam Polystyrene (EP #6). In the amended Ordinance No. 2019-20, retailers are now prohibited from selling PS #1, PS #3 and PS #6 as of January 1, 2020.

## NON-COMPLIANCE

Written notice or fines may be issued by the Town with 14 days to correct.

The Town of Barrington's goal is to ensure that those affected are able to comply with this ban. We appreciate your efforts in helping our Town become single-use free with the elimination of Polystyrene.



Recognition of compliance with the  
Town of Barrington's Polystyrene Ordinance

*When compliant, you can request  
that the Town provide the sticker shown  
above for display.*

# ALTERNATIVE FOOD PACKAGING VENDORS

## **\*Bagcraft Papercon**

(paper wrappers and servers)  
800-621-8468  
[www.bagcraft.com](http://www.bagcraft.com)

## **\*Biodegradable Food**

**Service** (paper and  
compostable plastics)  
541-593-2191  
[www.earth-to-go.com](http://www.earth-to-go.com)

## **\*Bridge-Gate Alliance**

**Group** (compostable serving  
ware)  
410-975-0960  
[www.bridge-gate.com](http://www.bridge-gate.com)

**\*Direct Pack** (compostable or  
recyclable plastic)  
888-902-3131  
[www.directpackinc.com](http://www.directpackinc.com)

## **\*Fabri-Kal Greenware**

(compostable plastics)  
800-888-5054  
[www.fabri-kal.com](http://www.fabri-kal.com)

## **Green Line Paper Company**

800-641-1117  
[www.greenlinepaper.com/  
product-category/kitchen-  
restaurant/](http://www.greenlinepaper.com/product-category/kitchen-restaurant/)

## **\*Green Paper Products**

(877) 341-5464  
[www.greenpaperproducts.com](http://www.greenpaperproducts.com)  
[www.greenpaperproducts.com/  
styrofoam-alternatives.aspx](http://www.greenpaperproducts.com/styrofoam-alternatives.aspx)

## **\*Huhtamaki, Inc.**

(recyclable  
plastic and cardboard)  
800-244-6382  
[www2.us.huhtamaki.com/  
foodservice-products](http://www2.us.huhtamaki.com/foodservice-products)

## **\*Southern Champion Tray**

(paperboard packaging)  
800-468-2222  
[www.sctray.com/bakery-  
foodservice-packaging](http://www.sctray.com/bakery-foodservice-packaging)

## **\*Waddington North**

**America - WNA** (high end  
recyclable plasticware)  
888-926-2877  
[www.wna.biz](http://www.wna.biz)

## **W.B. Mason**

888-926-2766  
[www.wbmason.  
com/LandingPage.  
aspx?LandingPageID=WB-  
Green](http://www.wbmason.com/LandingPage.aspx?LandingPageID=WB-Green)

\* Information obtained from the MassGreen.org website.

**PLEASE NOTE:** An alternative product listing does not constitute an endorsement of a particular vendor, product, or project. The Town of Barrington does not endorse any of the listed distributors.

Listed vendors may sell polystyrene and non-polystyrene products. Please ensure compliance with the Town's polystyrene ban prior to purchasing from distributors.

For additional information, contact

**THE TOWN OF BARRINGTON**

at 401-247-1900, ext. 365

visit [www.barrington.ri.gov/topics/polyban.php](http://www.barrington.ri.gov/topics/polyban.php)

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